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Federal Opportunities

Arts Funding. *The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)* has released guidelines describing its primary organizational funding opportunities for fiscal year 2004. The new guidelines consolidate grant categories that previously were presented in several separate NEA guideline booklets. Opportunities are available in the following categories: Artistic Creativity and Preservation; Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth; and Challenge America: Access to the Arts. Assistance is available to nonprofit organizations of all sizes, and for projects in all arts disciplines. The deadline for the Artistic Creativity and Preservation program is March 17, 2003. For complete eligibility information, application guidelines, and deadline dates, see: <http://www.nea.gov/guide/GAP04/GAPindex.html>.

National Cancer Prevention and Control Program. *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)* announces funds to assist in developing, implementing, maintaining, enhancing, integrating and evaluating a cancer program inclusive of cancer surveillance, prevention, and early detection programs. Eligible applicants include states, the District of Columbia, and academic or nonprofit organizations designated by the state to operate the state's cancer registry. The deadline for applications is March 7, 2003. Approximately \$6.25 million is available. For further information, contact Annie Camacho at (770) 488-2735 or atc4@cdc.gov; or Glynnis Taylor at (770) 488-2752 or gld1@cdc.gov. The Notice of Funding Availability may be accessed at: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgrtxt/03-1192.txt>.

District Opportunities

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The DC Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are still available at http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.sh for the following notices:

The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial Property and Acquisition Program, due February 18, 2003.

Foundation Opportunities

Adoption. *The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption* provides grants to organizations with the mission to support adoption of children from the foster care system. The Foundation is especially interested in addressing the permanency needs of children who are older, who have medical or emotional difficulties, children who are from an ethnic minority and sibling groups of children seeking adoption together. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations that are dynamic, performance-driven and action-oriented. Applications are accepted throughout the year. For guidelines and application information, go to: <http://www.davethomasfoundation.org/html/about/index.asp>.

Children and Environmental Health Hazards. *The Community Toolbox For Children's Environmental Health* supports community-based initiatives to protect children from environmental health hazards with small grants, training, and technical assistance to build organizational capacity

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and sustainability. Eligible applicants include nonprofit community-based organizations or emerging groups working to build organizational capacity as part of their effort to prevent childhood lead poisoning or prevent environmental threats to children's health in communities at highest risk. The deadline for applications is February 28, 2003. Grants amounts range from \$500-\$20,000. For more information, see: <http://www.communitytoolbox.org>.

Innovative Teaching. *The Jordan Fundamentals Grants Program* supports teachers or paraprofessionals who work with students in grades from six (6) through twelve (12) in a U.S. public school who also demonstrate instructional creativity and exemplify high learning expectations for economically disadvantaged students. Eligible applicants must work where at least 40% of the school's student population is eligible for the free or reduced school lunch program. The deadline for applications is June 15, 2003. Four hundred grants of up to \$2,500 will be available to fund resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation, or other costs related to field trips. Applications and guidelines are available at: <http://www.nike.com/nikebiz/nikebiz.jhtml?page=26&item=jordan>.

Job Skills. *The Staples Foundation for Learning* provides funding for programs that support or provide job skills and/or education for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. The foundation seeks to support causes that teach, train, and inspire people from all walks of life and diverse backgrounds. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations that align with the foundation's focus on job skills and education. The deadline for applications is March 4, 2003. For guidelines and application information, go to: <http://www.staplesfoundation.org/foundhome.html>.

Music Education. *The Mockingbird Foundation, Inc. (MFI)*, an organization that generates charitable proceeds from fans of the band Phish, offers competitive grants to organizations with a programmatic focus on music education for children. While MFI seeks to fund projects that encourage and foster creative expression in any musical form, it also recognizes broader and more basic needs within conventional instruction. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations with tax-exempt status under

section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code, or organizations that have a sponsoring agency with 501(c)(3) status. Public schools are also eligible for funding. The deadlines for letters of inquiry are February 1 and August 1, 2003. Grants of up to \$5,000 are made on a one-time basis. For complete funding guidelines, see <http://www.mockingbirdfoundation.org/funding/>. All questions should be directed to Kristen Godard at grants@mockingbirdfoundation.org.

Television. *Independent Television Service (ITVS)* is committed to television programming that addresses the needs of underserved audiences, particularly minorities and children. Through the Local Independents Collaborating With Stations (LInCS) program, ITVS provides matching monies for collaborations between independent producers and public TV stations. Programs should stimulate civic discourse and explore regional, cultural, political, social, and/or economic issues in innovative ways. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2003. Matching grants ranging from \$10,000-\$75,000 will be awarded. Applications and guidelines are available at the ITVS website: <http://www.itvs.org/producers/funding.html#lincs>.

Resources & Announcements

Grantmaking Workshop. *The Freddie Mac Foundation* will conduct two workshops by the Rensselaerville Institute to introduce the outcome-based grantmaking approach the Foundation has adopted. These workshops will be held on February 3 and 4, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at Freddie Mac, 8250 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, VA, in the Dallas Conference Room. Due to space limitations, participation in this workshop is limited to one person per organization. Please reserve your space by sending an email with your full name, title, organization, phone number, and workshop date to freddiemac_foundation@freddiemac.com no later than Friday, January 31, 2003.

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